

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 remain in this application. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Independent claim 1 is again rejected, along with dependent claims 2-8, as anticipated by the Chou et al. patent. Reconsideration of this rejection is once again requested.

According to the present invention, upon operation of a mail switch such as the mail switch 10 shown in the drawings, a necessary message with predetermined content is automatically prepared, and the corresponding mail text is immediately delivered to a user company, a working machine owner, or the like. The message recipient can thus immediately determine measures required in response to the communicated information without delay.

While the comments provided by the Examiner in section 2 on page 2 of the Office Action are noted, it is again submitted that the Chou et al. system does not include (1) a control station provided with a customer information database in which plural texts having desired content individually set as desired by each user station customer are stored, (2) a transmission device for each of the working machines that instructs a respective controller to transmit corresponding predetermined information to the control station, (3) a selection module that selects the text having the desired content from the customer information database, or (4) transmission of text, having that desired content, to a correspondingly identified user station. It is respectfully submitted that claim 1 requires the presence of features (1)-(4) above, and that the comments provided

by the Examiner on page 2 of the Office Action are unrelated to and do not address limitations in claim 1 reflecting these features. The features mentioned serve to distinguish the present invention from the diagnostic and monitoring system forming the subject matter of the Chou et al. patent.

Nothing in portions of the Chou et al. patent mentioned by the Examiner in the discussion of claim 1, moreover, suggests that the Chou et al. diagnostics server 201 is used by customers using plural user stations, and nothing in the portions of the Chou et al. patent mentioned suggests that the information provided by the server 201, discussed in detail in column 9, lines 8-27 of the Chou et al. patent, includes either text as previously recited or a plurality of texts as presently recited having desired content individually set by each user station customer as claim 1 requires. Finally, nothing in the Chou et al. patent disclosure suggests operation of a transmission device provided to each of a plurality of working machines as claim 1 particularly specifies. These arguments were presented in the last-filed response but, again, are not addressed by the brief comments provided by the Examiner in section 2 on page 2 of the Office Action.

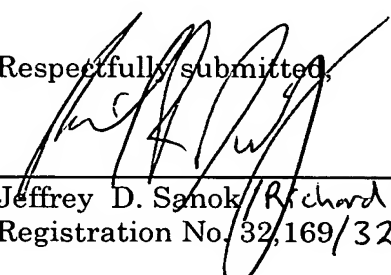
Claim 1 as it appears above is not anticipated by the Chou et al. patent disclosure for the reasons discussed, and it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is patentable in its present form. Claims 2-8, which depend on claim 1, are considered patentable as well.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is now in allowable condition. If there are any questions regarding this Reply or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an extension of time sufficient to effect a timely response. Please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #614HC/50888).

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